

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for providing Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMU) trains;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the present status of the annual demand and supply of the MEMU coaches in the country along with the projection thereof during the 12th Plan period, and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. On 25.02.2013 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Railways and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), for setting up of a new Mainline Electrical Multiple Unit (MEMU) manufacturing facility by BHEL for production of MEMU coaches for Indian Railways. The facility is proposed to be set up at Bhilwara in Rajasthan.
- (c) Present annual demand for MEMU coaches is 500 whereas average annual production is 110 coaches. During the balance period of 12th Plan period, Railways will need to acquire about 2500 MEMU coaches.
- (d) Railway has also placed orders for MEMU coaches on other sources to meet its demand.